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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization, 20 January 1978

25X1 1.  A briefing on intelligence requirements, tasking and program capabilities was held in room H-405 of the Capitol on Friday, 20 January 1978 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] A transcript was taken.

25X1 2.  Present from the Subcommittee were:

Bill D. Burlison (D., Texas), Chairman  
J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.)

25X1 3.  Present from the Committee was:

Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), Chairman

25X1 4.  Present from the Committee staff for all or part of the briefing included:

Mike O'Neil  
Bernard Raimo  
Jim Bush  
Tom Latimer  
Pat Long

25X1 5.  Present as witnesses from the Agency were:

25X1 Jim Taylor, Comptroller (sitting in for John F. Blake, A/DDCI)

[redacted] AD-M/NFAC

John McMahon, DDO

25X1 6.  Present as observers from the Agency and Community were:

[redacted] Deputy Legislative Counsel  
[redacted] Assistant Legislative Counsel  
[redacted] IC Staff

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7. [ ] Following brief introductory remarks by Mr. Taylor, [ ] [ ] presented a briefing on intelligence production and analysis, and Mr. John McMahon discussed collection of intelligence by the Directorate of Operations. During the course of these presentations, the Agency witnesses responded to questions posed by the members of Congress present, and following the presentations there was a brief question and answer period.

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8. [ ] By way of questions, Representative Burlison indicated particular interest in the following areas: levying of SIGINT requirements within the Intelligence Community; [ ]

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[ ] amount of resources devoted to counterintelligence; the usefulness and utilization of information on Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines; particular program cryptonym designations; the role of the FBI in acquisition of narcotics information; the proposed NFAC/Review Panel; [ ]

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[ ] by the Agency; procedures, directives or regulations concerning use of the Contingency Reserve; and coordination of human collection activities abroad.

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9. [ ] Representative Robinson indicated particular interest in the following areas: [ ] data on Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines; particular program cryptonym designations; the proposed NFAC/Review Panel; development of intelligence collection priorities; manpower figures for the Agency; numbers of agents and associated costs; and worldwide communications network support.

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10. [ ] Representative Boland also indicated an interest in information concerning Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines, and in the use of that information. He also indicated an interest in the Agency's CA capability, the size of the CA staff, and use of the term "contingent capabilities," and also queried the witnesses as to their overall evaluation of the Agency's activities and effectiveness.

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11. [ ] Specific follow-up items include:

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--evaluation of the information obtained by the Agency regarding the Soviet [ ] aircraft and engines;

--use of the information obtained by the Agency on the above-mentioned aircraft (Is the information on engine capabilities and performance provided to U.S. corporations? What is being done with this information?);

--provide to Representative Burlison applicable directives, regulations or other material regarding procedures governing Agency use of the Contingency Reserve; and.

--provide to Representative Burlison details on covert action activities, capabilities and budgets (presumably this would be provided in the materials on the FY 79 budget presentation).



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